Failure of IDSMT Scheme

2361. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prestigious centrally sponsored scheme—the Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns launched in 1979-80 to develop small and medium towns for generating employment so as to arrest migration to big cities has proved failure and it is proposed to abandon it;

(b) if so, the details of the evaluation of the scheme made; and

(c) the alternative plans drawn up to achieve the purposes of the original scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. This Ministry has entrusted evaluation study of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) scheme to the Regional Centres of Urban and Environmental Studies, Lucknow, Mumbai and Hyderabad and they have been requested to complete the study by September, 2002.

Allotment of Government accommodation on medical ground

2362. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a provision to allot Government accommodation on medical grounds to the Government servants whose dependant mother or father are orthopaedically handicapped;

(b) if so, the prescribed guidelines for allotment of Government accommodation on medical grounds to such Government servants;

(c) how many Government servants have applied under the orthopaedically handicapped quota for self or dependant mother or father in the last three years; and